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1. WASHINGTON POST:

--IAN SMITH LEFT FOR HOME YESTERDAY AFTER GIVING A COOL  
RECEPTION TO NEW BRITISH PROPOSALS TO BREAK THE DEADLOCKED  
GENEVA CONFERENCE.

--A 30-YEAR OLD BLACK GRADUATE OF OXFORD DIED AT  
JOHANNESBURG POLICE HEADQUARTERS AFTER BEING ARRESTED AT  
THE AIRPORT ACCORDING TO THE BLACK NEWSPAPER WEEKEND  
WORLD. THE PAPER SAID POLICE TOLD THE FAMILY OF MLUNGISI  
TSHAZIBANE THAT HE HAD HANGED HIMSELF IN HIS CELL.

--KENYATTA ANNOUNCED AN IMMEDIATE AMNESTY FOR 10,000  
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PRISONERS TO MARK THE 13TH ANNIVERSARY OF KENYA'S INDEPEN-

DENCE.

2. NEW YORK TIMES:

--REUTERS REPORTS FROM SALISBURY THAT AN ESTIMATED CROWD OF 200,000 TURNED OUT TO GREET BISHOP MUZOREWA WHEN HE ARRIVED IN THE BLACK TOWNSHIP OF HIGHFIELD FROM THE

CONFERENCE IN GENEVA.

--IN ANOTHER REPORT, REUTERS SAID THAT BLACK NATIONALIST GUERRILLAS KILLED TWO BLACK CIVILIANS AND A RHODESIAN SOLDIER OF MIXED RACE IN ATTACKS IN BLACK TOWNSHIPS IN BULAWAYO.

--IN AN ARTICLE DESCRIBING KISSINGER'S RETURN FLIGHT FROM LONDON, BERNARD GWERTZMAN SAYS THAT "RHODESIAN NEGOTIATIONS ARE SAID TO BE COMING ALONG; THE TALKS MR. KISSINGER HAD IN LONDON HAVE GENERATED SOME MOVEMENT, AND TWO KISSINGER AIDES WILL RETURN TO LONDON LATER IN THE WEEK FOR MORE CONSULTATIONS."

--TIMES REPORTS THAT SMITH HAS RETURNED TO RHODESIA SAYING, "VIRTUALLY NO CHANGE" IN THE DEADLOCK AT THE CONFERENCE. HE REJECTED AS "GHASTLY" THE SUGGESTION THAT BRITAIN PROVIDE THE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND POLICE IN THE PROJECTED BIRACIAL INTERIM GOVERNMENT.

--IN AN EDITORIAL ON THE ARMS SALES MOMENTUM, THE TIMES REFERS TO THE ADMINISTRATION'S DECLARATION THAT THE SUDAN IS NOW ELIGIBLE TO BUY AMERICAN ARMS.

--DAVID BINDER HAS A LONG PIECE ON THE APPREHENSIVE ATTITUDE OF U.S. INTELLIGENCE OFFICIALS TOWARD PROSPECTIVE NEW SHAKE-UPS UNDER CARTER.

3. THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR:

--THE MONITOR FRONT-PAGES TWO COMPANION PIECES ON CHANGES IN SOUTH AFRICA:  
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HUMPHREY TYLER REPORTS FROM CAPETOWN ON A MOVE BY THE CAPETOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO ELIMINATE RACIAL BARRIERS IN BUSINESS. IT HAS CALLED UPON ITS MEMBERS TO SUPPORT A MANIFESTO PLEDGING EQUAL EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS, AND POSITIVE INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE UNDERSTANDING AND HARMONIOUS RELATIONS. OTHER CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE THROUGHOUT SOUTH AFRICA ARE EXPECTED TO JOIN THIS MOVEMENT.

JUNE GOODWIN REPORTS FROM DAR ES SALAAM ON THE COMPETITION AMONG VARIOUS SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONALIST GROUPS TO RECRUIT YOUNG BLACK REFUGEES FROM SOUTH AFRICA. WHILE RECRUITING ACTIVITY CLEARLY IS VIGOROUS, THE RELATIVE SUCCESS OF THE ANC AND THE PAC IS NOT CLEAR. MANY REFUGEES IN ZAMBIA, BOTSWANA, LESOTHO AND SWAZILAND ARE STICKING WITH THEIR OWN STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS, SASO AND SASM (IN TANZANIA THEY

MUST ALIGN THEMSELVES WITH EITHER THE ANC OR THE PAC OR THEY ARE SUBJECT TO JAIL). MANY STUDENTS APPEAR MORE INTERESTED IN CONTINUING THEIR EDUCATION THAN IN TRAINING FOR GUERRILLA ACTIVITIES.

--DANIEL SUTHERLAND REPORTS FROM LONDON ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A NEW BRITISH INITIATIVE TO BREAK THE DEADLOCK IN THE GENEVA TALKS. HE REVIEWS THE POSITION OF THE VARIOUS PARTIES TO THE NEGOTIATION AND REPORTS THAT SMITH HAS RETURNED TO SALISBURY.

--AN EDITORIAL HEADED "RHODESIA: URGENCY AT GENEVA" MAKES THE POINT THAT WHILE THE TALKS HAVE NOT BEEN VERY FRUITFUL TO DATE, AND THAT WHILE A HOLIDAY RECESS IS PROBABLY A GOOD IDEA, THERE IS A REAL NEED FOR A NEW INITIATIVE TO GET THE BALL ROLLING AGAIN.

#### 4. THE BALTIMORE SUN:

--AP REPORTS FROM GENEVA ON IAN SMITH'S RETURN TO SALISBURY. AFTER HEARING THE NEW BRITISH PROPOSALS HE IS REPORTED AS HAVING SAID THAT HE LIKED THE SUGGESTION "NO MORE THAN I LIKED THE OTHER IDEAS THAT HAVE COME FROM THE BRITISH". ADMITTING HE HAD FAILED TO PUT THE

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CONFERENCE"BACK ON THE RAILS" HE SAID THERE WAS STILL A POSSIBILITY THE SITUATION COULD IMPROVE IN THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

--AP REPORTS THAT NEWSDAY, A LONG ISLAND NEWSPAPER, HAS ESTIMATED THAT 435 PERSONS HAVE DIED IN THIS YEAR'S RIOTING IN SOUTH AFRICA. THEIR ESTIMATE IS BASED ON DEATH CERTIFICATES, COURT RECORDS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND PERSONAL ACCOUNTS. THIS IS A HIGHER FIGURE THAN THE 370 PERSON DEATH TOLL ESTIMATED BY MOST SOUTH AFRICAN NEWSPAPERS.

--JOHN BORRELL REPORTS FROM LIVINGSTONE, ZAMBIA THAT UNITA CONTINUES AN ACTIVE CAMPAIGN IN THE SOUTH OF ANGOLA. ONE OF THE REASONS FOR UNITA'S ABILITY TO CONTINUE ACTIVE

AGAINST OVERWHELMING ODDS IS THE SUPPORT IT DRAWS FROM  
THE OVIMBUNDU TRIBE WHICH LIVES IN SOUTHERN ANGOLA.  
BORRELL POINTS OUT THAT SWAPO'S BASES ARE IN THE HEART OF  
UNITA'S OPERATIONAL ZONE AND THERE IS NO LOVE LOST  
BETWEEN UNITA AND SWAPO. THIS IS A SITUATION THE SOUTH  
AFRICANS COULD EXPLOIT. IT IS NOT YET CLEAR WHETHER, OR  
TO WHAT DEGREE THE SOUTH AFRICANS ARE AIDING UNITA.

--THE SUN PREVIEWS ABC'S 'VICTORY AT ENTEBBE' AND PRO-  
NOUNCES IT "NOT BAD TELEVISION,. KISSINGER

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